

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IDENTIFICATION OF ANTIGEN PEPTIDE SEQUENCES, the specification of which

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____.
- ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____
filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

FOREIGN PRIORITY RIGHTS: I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

Country	Serial Number	Filing Date	Priority Claimed?
			Yes/No

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Serial Number	Filing Date	Status
60/023,921	August 14, 1996	Abandoned

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Serial Number	Filing Date	Status
08/911,593	August 14, 1997	Abandoned
09/025,596	February 18, 1998	Pending

I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Paul T. Clark, Reg. No. 30,162, Karen L. Elbing, Ph.D. Reg. No. 35,238, Kristina Bieker-Brady, Ph.D. Reg. No. 39,109, Susan M. Michaud, Ph.D. Reg. No. 42,885, James D. DeCamp, Ph.D., Reg. No. 43,580, Sean J. Edman, Reg. No. 42,506, Timothy J. Douros, Reg. No. 41,716, Vicki Lynn Healy, Reg. No. 48,343.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

PATENT NUMBER: VDB98-01

(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))-SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

Applicant or Patentee: William M. Mitchell and Charles W. StrattonSerial or Patent No.: 09/025,596Filed or Issued: February 18, 1998Title: IDENTIFICATION OF ANTIGENIC PEPTIDE SEQUENCES

I hereby declare that I am

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Merlin TechnologiesADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 39 Karen RoadNewton, Massachusetts 02168

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12 and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☒ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ no such person, concern, or organization exists.
☒ each such person, concern or organization is listed below.

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Nashville, Tennessee 37240

Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Richard W. BerensonTITLE OF PERSON IF OTHER THAN OWNER PresidentADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING Merlin Technologies, 39 Karen Road, Newton, MA 02168SIGNATURE DATE April 16, 1998

VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(d))-NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

INVENTOR NUMBER: VDB98-01

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Serial or Patent No.: 09/025,596
Filed or Issued: February 18, 1998
Title: IDENTIFICATION OF ANTIGENIC PEPTIDE SEQUENCES

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

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TYPE OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION:

- ☒ UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
☐ TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE (26 U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c)(3))
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(CITATION OF STATUTE _____)
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STATES OF AMERICA IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(NAME OF STATE _____)
(CITATION OF STATUTE _____)

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention described in:

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☒ the application identified above.
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